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FOR ASST SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, JO, SA, US
SUBJECT: JORDAN AIR DEFENSE

REF (A) AMMAN 4463, (B) JIDDA 5870, (C) STATE 196840,
(D) JIDDA 5122

1. I AGREE THAT EMBASSY AMMAN BE INSTRUCTED TO GIVE KING
HUSSEIN THE NEWS OF THE SAUDI POSITIVE RESPONSE. HOWEVER,
IN DOING SO I STRONGLY URGE THAT AMMAN SHOULD STRICTLY LIMIT
ITS STATEMENT TO THE FIRST SENTENCE REFTEL A PARA 5 SUBPARA 1,
NAMELY, "USG HAS NOW RECEIVED WRITTEN REPLY FROM SAG
AGREEING TO FINANICAL ARRANGEMENTS WE PROPOSED FOR FUNDING
THE FULL \$540 MILLION JORDANIAN AIR DEFENSE PROGRAM."

2. WITH REGARD TO THE INITIAL PAYMENT OF \$63.5 MILLION: THE
SAG HAS AGREED TO PAY \$140 MILLION THE FIRST YEAR WITHOUT
SPECIFYING WHEN (REF D). IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THERE IS ENOUGH
IN THE SAG FMS ACCOUNT TO COVER THE \$63.5 MILLION? IT WOULD
CERTAINLY HELP EXPEDITE PAYMENT TO DRAW FROM THAT CENTRAL FUND
RATHER THAN TRY TO SOLICIT QUICK PAYMENT DURING THE RAMADAN LULL.
PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS CAN BE DONE.

3. WITH RECEIPT OF THE SAG NOTE AGREEING TO PAYMENT (REF B),
I FEEL THAT WE HAVE CONCLUDED OUR ROLE IN SHEPHERDING JORDAN'S
NEW AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM THROUGH THE SAUDI LABYRINTH. IT IS NOW
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TIME FOR MORE ROUTINE, MORE NATURAL PROCESSES TO TAKE OVER FOR

PAYMENT AND DELIVERY.

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